

### Remarks

Claims 1-10 remain pending in the application, with Claims 1 and 7 being independent. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended herein.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to their representative during the recent telephone conversations of August 19, 2004 and September 23, 2004. During these conversations, the Examiner confirmed that the Preliminary Amendment filed on September 24, 2003 has been received and entered, and also that there was not a Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the previous Office Action.

The title was objected to as not being descriptive. Applicants submit that the amended title is indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Favorable consideration is requested.

Claims 1-5 and 7-10 were objected to because independent Claims 1 and 7 did not recite drive means. In response, independent Claims 1 and 7 both have been amended to recite driving means for driving the image bearing member. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 1-5 and 7-10, as well as Claim 6, contain allowable subject matter. These claims are submitted to now be allowable.

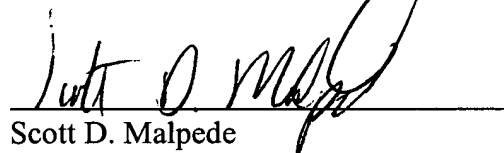
For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is patentably defined by independent Claims 1 and 7. Dependent Claims 2-6 and 8-10 are also allowable, in their own right, for defining features of the present invention in

addition to those recited in their respective independent claims. Individual consideration of the dependent claims is requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the objections set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowability are requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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